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SUBJ: GOK REVIEWING POLICY ON PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN  
OIL INDUSTRY

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, MOHAMMED MADOOH,  
ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS AT MINISTRY  
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, STATED THAT GOK CURRENTLY REVIEWING  
POLICY TOWARD PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE IN OIL INDUSTRY. IT EXPECTED  
THAT REPORT PREPARED BY MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
AND OIL ON SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HIGHER OIL COUNCIL  
SOMETIME IN OCTOBER, AFTER RAMADHAN.

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2. MADOOH WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OIL,

ATEEQI OPPOSED PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN OIL INDUSTRY. PRESENT MINISTER OF OIL KAZEMI, HOWEVER, HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH MADOOH THAT PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN SOME PART OF THE OIL INDUSTRY WAS NECESSARY AND BENEFICIAL. KAZEMI ACKNOWLEDGED, THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME DOUBT AS TO THE DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION AND AS TO THE STAGE OF PARTICIPATION. INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN KUWAIT AT THE PRIMARY-PRODUCING STAGE WAS DOUBTFUL, BUT KAZEMI OPEN-MINDED INVOLVEMENT IN TRANSPORTATION AND DOWNSTREAM VENTURES, SUCH AS PETROCHEMICALS AND END PRODUCT UTILIZATION BY LOCAL KUWAITI INDUSTRY.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT GOK HAD EFFECTIVELY RULED ANY ROLE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR IN PETROLEUM HERE. MADOOH'S COMMENTS, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT SOME DEBATE CONTINUES TO EXIST IN GOK ON THE SUBJECT. POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ATEEQI AND KAZEMI ON THE SUBJECT OF PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION WILL BE AIRED BY HIGHER OIL COUNCIL WHICH CHARIED BY PRIME MINISTER. EVEN IF PRIVATE SECTOR IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE, GOK WILL REMAIN DOMINANT ELEMENT.

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